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SUBJ: GOC REQUEST FOR US ASSISTANCE TO AIRLIFT OUTSIZE CARGO

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE MIN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS A REQUEST FOR US AIR FORCE ASSISTANCE TO AIRLIFT OUTSIZE CARGO FROM PARIS, FRANCE TO BOGOTA ON JUNE 4, 1974. ALL AVENUES TO OBTAIN COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION HAVE BEEN EXPLORED WITHOUT SUCCESS.

2. THE ITEMS TO BE CARRIED ARE URGENTLY NEEDED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN BOGOTA AND FOR AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR THE WHOLE COUNTRY. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PROBLEMS IN COLOMBIA ARE VERY SERIOUS AND THE INCREASING INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC TRAFFIC IS MORE THAN THE PRESENT SYSTEM CAN HANDLE. CIVIL AND MILITARY ACCIDENT RATES ARE HIGH AND TWO VERY IMPORTANT FACTORS THAT WILL BE IMPROVED IN THE AREA OF FLYING SAFETY UPON RECEIPT OF THE EQUIPMENT REQUESTED ARE SUPERVISION AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL.

3. THE EQUIPMENT TO BE TRANSPORTED INCLUDES A LARGE RADAR FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OVER CENTRAL COLOMBIA, A TERMINAL RADAR FOR ELDORADO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT BOGOTA, AN INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM FOR ELDORADO AIRPORT, AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER. THE NEW AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER AND THE RADAR

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ANTENNA SITES IN THE MOUNTAINS WEST OF BOGOTA ARE PRESENTLY

UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

4. THE MAIN PROBLEM IN AIRLIFTING THE CARGO IS THE LARGE SIZE OF THE RADAR ANTENNA SECTIONS. EIGHT OF THE PIECES ARE VERY LARGE. TWO PIECES EACH MEASURE 8' X 11 1/2' X 17 1/2' AND TWO OTHERS ARE 12 1/2 X 13' X 14 2/3'. THE OTHER FOUR ARE SLIGHTLY LONGER. THERE ARE 78 PIECES WITH A TOTAL WEIGHT OF 113,572 LBS.

5. THE ADDED SAFETY AND SERVICE THIS EQUIPMENT WILL PROVIDE WILL BENEFIT NOT ONLY COLOMBIA, BUT ALSO THE MANY COUNTRIES WHOSE AIRLINES AND TRAVELLERS TRAVERSE COLOMBIA.

6. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST AS AN URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR THE GOC. IN ADDITION TO GOODWILL GAINED, THE USE OF A C-5A GALAXY WOULD SHOW THE LATEST IN US AVIATION TECHNOLOGY AND DEMONSTRATE THE CAPABILITIES OF MODERN AVIATION AND SUITABILITY OF THE ELDORADO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO HANDLE LARGE MODERN AIRCRAFT.

7. THE COLOMBIAN GOVT WILL PAY THE COSTS OF THE TRANSPORTATION.

8. ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND WEIGHT AND BULK DATA FOLLOW BY LETTER TO COLOMBIAN DESK OFFICER.

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